

SECTION 5 - MAINTENANCE

5.1 Maintaining Guidelines

Maintenance of this guideline is the responsibility of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Information Policy Branch, Office of Policy, Planning, and Evaluation. Questions are to be referred to:

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5.2 Maintaining X12 Standards

ASC X12 has a standard procedure for developing new transaction sets and maintaining existing sets. Refer questions to the EPA EDI Coordinator of the Program Office responsible for the project. Should additional information be required, the question will be referred to:

Data Interchange Standards Association, Inc (DISA)
Technical Department
1800 Diagonal Road, Suite 200
Alexandria VA 22314-2852
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5.3 Version/Release

X12 publishes a new Version/Release annually. The publication contains the new transaction sets and the maintenance approved by the X12 Committee. New Version/Releases are neither upward nor downward compatible. The new publication may not affect current implementations. However, if it contains functionality necessary to the particular implemented project, the EPA EDI Project Coordinator will initiate the necessary actions to notify the implementors, develop an implementation schedule, revise and distribute the implementation guidelines and coordinate an orderly transition to the new Version/Release.

The Version/Release for each transaction used by the individual projects will be in the applicable EDI Project Implementation Guideline.

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